

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

As shown in the complete list of claims below, please cancel claim 11, amend claims 1, 3 – 10 and 12 – 20, and add claims 21 – 23.

✓ (Currently Amended) A multiple use box with security feature comprising:

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a plurality of sides connected to each other such that each side is connected to at least two other sides and defines an interior of the box;

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a first top flap including an attachment strip and a tear strip, and extending from a first side of the plurality of sides and pivoted toward the interior;

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a second top flap including an attachment strip and a tear strip, and extending from a second side of the plurality of sides and pivoted toward the interior;

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a third top flap extending from a third side of the plurality of sides and pivoted toward the interior;

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a fourth top flap extending from a fourth side of the plurality of sides and pivoted toward the interior;

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wherein the attachment strip of the first top flap is attachable to the third top flap to keep the box closed and the tear strip of the first top flap is operable to release the third top flap; and

wherein the attachment strip of the second top flap is attachable to the fourth top flap to keep the box closed and the tear strip of the second top flap is operable to release the fourth top flap. at least two top flaps, each extending from respective sides and pivoted toward the interior, wherein at least two of the top flaps each include an attachment strip and a tear strip, and wherein one of the attachment strips is attachable to another top flap or side and the tear strip is operable to release the flap from the attachment strip when the tear strip is removed from the flap.

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(Original) The box of claim 1 wherein at least two of the sides are glued to each other.

3.

(Currently Amended) The box of claim 1 wherein the box plurality of sides includes four sides that form a square interior.

4.

(Currently Amended) The box of claim 1 wherein the plurality of sides each attachment strip is attached to a respective one of the third and fourth top flaps to keep the box closed during one use of the box. ~~includes four sides that form a square interior and each side has a top flap extending from it.~~

5.

(Currently Amended) The box of claim 1 wherein the box plurality of sides includes four sides that form a square interior, ~~each side has a top flap extending from it and each top flap includes an attachment strip and a tear strip.~~

6.

(Currently Amended) The box of claim 1 wherein at least one of the each attachment strips is double-sided tape.

7.

(Currently Amended) The box of claim 1 wherein at least one of the attachment strips is a single strip located along a distal end of a respective one of the top flaps and that extends the width of the respective the top flap.

8.

(Currently Amended) The box of claim 1 wherein at least one of the tear strips is formed by perforating a portion of a respective one of the top flaps.

9.

(Currently Amended) The box of claim 1 wherein at least one of the attachment strips is located along a distal end of a respective one of the top flaps and extends the width of the respective the top flap, and the respective tear strip is located adjacent the attachment strip between the respective side and the attachment strip.

10.

(Currently Amended) A blank that can be formed into a box that provides an indication of tampering when used a second or more times, comprising:

a plurality of sections connected to each other and operable to form the box, when pivoted relative to each other; and

a first top flap including an attachment strip and a tear strip, and extending from a third section of the plurality of sections and operable to close the box when pivoted relative to the third section;

a second top flap including an attachment strip and a tear strip, and extending from a fourth section of the plurality of sections and operable to close the box when pivoted relative to the fourth section;

a third top flap extending from a first section of the plurality of sections and operable to close the box when pivoted relative to the first section;

a fourth top flap extending from a second section of the plurality of sections and operable to close the box when pivoted relative to the second section;

wherein, when the box is formed, the attachment strip of the first top flap is attachable to the third top flap to keep the box closed and the tear strip of the first top flap is operable to release the third top flap; and

wherein, when the box is formed, the attachment strip of the second top flap is attachable to the fourth top flap to keep the box closed and the tear strip of the second top flap is operable to release the fourth top flap. at least two top flaps, each extending from a respective section, that are operable to close the box when pivoted relative to their respective section, wherein at least two of the top flaps include an attachment strip operable to attach to another top flap or side when the top of the box is formed and a tear strip operable to remove the attachment strip from an attached top flap.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The blank of claim 10 wherein: the plurality of sections includes:

a first section;

a second the first section is connected to the first second section;

a the third section is connected to the second section opposite the first section;

and

~~at the fourth section is connected to the third section opposite the second section; a top flap extending from the third section and including an attachment strip and a tear strip; and~~

~~a top flap extending from the fourth section and including an attachment strip and a tear strip.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The blank of claim 10 wherein each at least one of the attachment strips is double-sided tape.
14. (Currently Amended) The blank of claim 10 wherein each at least one of the tear strips is formed by perforating a portion of the respective top flap.
15. (Currently Amended) The blank of claim 10 wherein at least one of the attachment strips is located along a distal end of a respective one of the top flaps and extends the width of the respective top flap, and the respective tear strip is located adjacent the attachment strip between the respective section and the attachment strip.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of using a box two or more times to ship items, comprising:

attaching an attachment strip on of a first top flap of the box to another a third top flap or side to close the box;

removing a tear strip from of the first top flap to separate the attachment strip from of the first top flap from the first top flap and open the box; and

attaching an attachment strip on of a second top flap of the box to another a fourth top flap or side to close the box again.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 wherein using the box one time includes attaching the attachment strip of the first top flap of the box to the third top flap, and attaching the attachment strip of the second top flap of the box to the fourth top flap to close the box; attaching the attachment strip on the first top flap of the box to another top flap or side includes attaching the attachment strip to a third top flap of the box; and

~~attaching an attachment strip on the second top flap of the box includes
attaching the attachment strip to a fourth top flap of the box.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 further comprising removing a tear strip ~~from of~~ the second top flap to separate the attachment strip ~~from of~~ the second top flap from the second top flap and open the box again.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 further comprising:

~~attaching an attachment strip on of at the third top flap of the box to another the
first top flap or side to close the box again; and~~

~~removing a tear strip from of the third top flap to separate the attachment strip
from of the third top flap from the third top flap and open the box~~

~~again; attaching an attachment strip on a fourth top flap of the box to
another top flap or side to close the box again; and~~

~~removing a tear strip from the fourth top flap to separate the attachment strip
from the fourth top flap and open the box again.~~

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method of claim 19 further closing a box, comprising:

~~moving toward an interior of a box two or more top flaps that extend from
respective sides of the box wherein at least two of the top flaps include an
attachment strip and a tear strip located such that removing the tear strip
from one of the top flaps separates the attachment strip from the same top
flap; and attaching the an attachment strip of the fourth one of the top flaps
of the box to nether the second top flap or side to form a top of to close the
box again; and-~~

~~removing a tear strip of the fourth top flap to separate the attachment strip of
the fourth top flap from the fourth top flap and open the box again.~~

21. (New) A multiple use box with security feature comprising:

a plurality of sides connected to each other such that each side is connected to at least two other sides and defines an interior of the box;

a first top flap including an attachment strip and a tear strip, and extending from one of the sides and pivoted toward the interior;

a second top flap including an attachment strip and a tear strip, and extending from one of the other sides and pivoted toward the interior;

wherein the attachment strip of the first top flap is attachable to the second top flap to keep the box closed and the tear strip of the first top flap is operable to release the second top flap; and

wherein the attachment strip of the second top flap is attachable to the first top flap to keep the box closed during a subsequent use of the box and the tear strip of the second top flap is operable to release the first top flap.

22. (New) The box of claim 21 wherein each attachment strip is attached to the first and second top flaps to keep the box closed during one use of the box.

23. (New) The box of claim 21 wherein the box includes four sides that form a square interior.